

# Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine

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## Editorial

Pet avian and exotic animal medicine has advanced rapidly as a discipline of veterinary medicine. At this time, it is recognized as an integral component of veterinary medicine, as evidenced in the number of specialty associations, avian specialty board certification, peer-reviewed journals, involvement in all major continuing education conferences, increased education in veterinary institutions, and article publication by most major veterinary journals. With demand for and the rapid advancement in pet avian and exotic animal veterinary medical knowledge, the basic information for treating these animals needed to be disseminated. There should be a continued education of veterinarians involving this basic information to meet the needs of veterinary students, new graduates, veterinarians' developing new interest, and "old hands" with a desire to learn what is basic at that particular time. Much of the medical information published has a life, from new advanced material in its infancy, to everyday routine procedures as the information matures over time. *Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine* has tried to bridge the gap from the new advanced material to the routine information over the last 12 years.

With *Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine*, Dr. Alan Fudge, as Editor-In-Chief, has provided information in a publication that met the information needs in this highly diverse, demanding discipline of veterinary medicine. We feel that Dr. Fudge, the guest editors, and authors have set a high standard for medical publications that are normally read by avian/exotic veterinarians in all practice types. With the passing of the baton to new Editors-In-Chief, there also has been a change in this publication's article format. With the new format

there is a conscious effort not to diminish the quality information that readers have come to expect from *Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine*. The new format was developed to continue to give the most up-to-date information on medical areas of interest in the form of practical review articles but also incorporates image-based procedure articles, book reviews, therapeutic reviews, a clinical diagnostic challenge, and abstract and news information. One of the most obvious format changes is the conversion to a color-based journal. The color images will only enhance the readers' ability to appreciate the information conveyed in the articles. We also hope that the increased utilization of images through the journal will provide an improved comfort and understanding of techniques and disease conditions.

Avian and exotic animal medicine is a practitioner-based discipline, and the new format was considered for the busy clinic without reducing the quality of material. We hope you enjoy the "new" *Seminars in Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine* and look forward to submissions for clinical diagnostic challenge cases and refereed articles of all pet exotic species in the future. Thank you, Alan, for your 12 years of hard work and dedication to this publication, and we will continue to provide the most up-to-date practical information possible for the avian/exotic veterinarian.

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